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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed March 19, 2004, reconsideration by the Examiner, withdrawal of the rejection, and formal notification of the allowance of all claims are respectfully submitted in view of the accompanying Submission.

Claims 1-7, 9-12, 14-16 and 18-29 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,355,323.

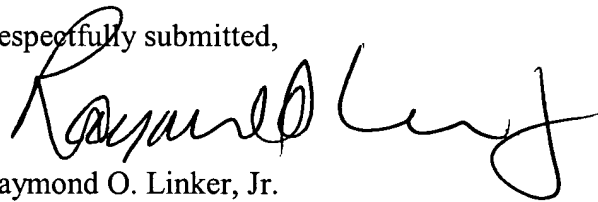
In order to overcome this double-patenting rejection, Applicant submits herewith a duly executed Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,355,323. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for the disclaimer fee pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.20(d) is enclosed.

This Disclaimer is made on behalf of the Disclaimant and current owner, Tyco International (US) Inc. Tyco has acquired ownership of the assets of the previous Assignee, Rexam Flexible Packaging, Inc. through a stock purchase deal. This transaction has been recorded with the Assignment Division of the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 014683, Frame 0264. A copy of the Recordation statement is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

It is submitted that in view of this Terminal Disclaimer, this application is now in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable reconsideration by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,



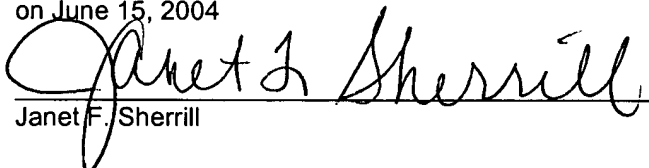
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